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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/829,066; Filed: April 10, 2001
For: **Method for Isolating and Recovering Target DNA or RNA Molecules
Having a Desired Nucleotide Sequence**
Inventors: Nisson *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4800002/RWE/ALS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Second Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Substitute Sequence Listing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a);
2. A copy of Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
3. Sequence Listing (8 pages of a paper copy);
4. A computer readable copy of the sequence listing; and
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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